

30 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management
& Services


SUBJECT : Memorial Stars in the Lobby

As we were coming back from town yesterday, I mentioned to the DCI the memorial stars soon to be cut into the marble of our foyer.

I asked whether we were going to have an unveiling ceremony. Bill said the non-ceremony of erecting the Nathan Hale statue impressed him: in short, no ceremony would be better -- we'd just do it. My reason for the query was to find out whether the next-of-kin of those memorialized would have been invited. He discussed this with me a little bit and then said that my subsequent suggestion was something he would like you to handle and asked me to pass it on.

He asks that the next-of-kin of each person being honored ~~on the memorial wall~~ be notified by letter (signed by the Director, I would think, although Bill didn't say this) that a star representing the kinsman is being cut in our memorial wall. The letter should add that the next time they are in the area, we would be happy to invite them in to see the memorial.

A little explanation of the memorial wall (including the Book of Honor and Secrecy angles for some of the names) should probably be built into each letter, I would think.


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cc: DCI
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FAC Chairman ✓